PASTORAL

DEAR BRETHREN:

The disciples of the LORD are now called to follow Him into the desert, to be made like Him in fasting, in humiliation, in prayer, and the struggle with the temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh.

The great *duties* of the season are repentance, Retirement from the world, Fasting, Self-denial, Devotion and special Religious exercises.

The *ends* in view are the victory over temptation, the control of self, the knowledge of one's own sinful heart, the renunciation of worldliness, the perfecting of holiness in the fear of God.

The *means* to attain these ends and to perform these duties, are Self-examination, frequent and increased prayer—both public and private,—almsgiving, the fruit of self-denial, the study of the Word of God, the contemplation of Christ's sufferings, and above all, the Holy Communion.

The rules which each one must make for himself to be of any value, must be definite, observed without ostentation, kept with strictness and perseverance, and suited to one's powers. Self-denial in little matters will be a test of self-control and steadiness. Let there be an increased strictness in our spiritual discipline; and to secure this, we must make diligent use of the Divine Grace.

I desire to witness on the part of all, a greater withdrawal from business and amusement, a more frequent attendance upon the public Services of the Church, a more constant partaking of the Holy Communion. During these weeks when we particularly remember the sufferings and death of Christ, ought not every lover of the dear Lord to make *each week* that Memorial of His death which He Himself hath commanded? Will not every communicant *each week* partake of that Blood that cleanseth from all sin?

In these solemn days the words of the Lord are addressed to each one of us, "If any man will come after Me, let him *deny himself*, and take up his cross and follow Me." And for our encouragement we have His gracious promise, "If any man serve Me, let him follow Me, and where I am, there shall also My servant be."

Faithfully Your Friend and Rector,

W. H. VIBBERT.

Ash-Wednesday, 1878

Whitsun-Day.

Dear Brethren:

Sunday next, June 5th, is the feast of Whitsun-Day, the festival of the Holy Ghost. Whitsun-Day is one of the chief festivals in the Church Year. It commemorates the coming in Presence and Power of the third Person of the ever adorable Trinity, to dwell in the Church and in the soul of the Christian. It is the Birthday of the Church the Body of Christ, and brings to mind the Gift which is bestowed upon each and every soul that has been baptized in the Name of the Blessed Trinity. The Church throughout the world prays on this great feast, for the double outpouring of the Holy Ghost, to illumine, guide, govern and sanctify the whole Body, and each soul, that the presence and power of Christ Jesus may be made manifest in it. We pray that that Gift may be outpoured upon us, upon the Church in S. Luke's Parish, that our people may have a right judgment in all things, that the Seven-fold Gift, may be renewed to every one severally,—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and Ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the Spirit of holy fear.

At this festival, in the afternoon, the Bishop will be present and will confirm. Many will come, to receive the laying-on-of hands, for their greater confirmation in the Faith, and others will be reminded of the gift which by this holy ordinance has been bestowed upon them—may all be led hereby to stir up the gift that is in them. There will be a 9 o'clock (in place of the 8 o'clock) Celebration, for the children, and with special intention for those who are to be confirmed. The candidates will be present at this Celebration.

The offering on this day will be, at all the Celebrations, for Domestic Missions, and is the one offering in the Parish in the year for this object. Let all give of their little or of their abundance, cheerfully. The Celebrations (Whitsun-Day, like Christmas and Easter being a day of obligation) will be at 6, 7, 9, 10.30.

May the Spirit of Truth and Love bring us all to the feet of our Lord and Master, that we may receive at His hands in fullness the Promise of the Father.

Affectionately Your Rector,

SAMUEL UPJOHN.

S. Luke's Church, Germantown, Sunday after Ascension, May 29, 1892.

Note.—The afternoon services on Whitsun-Day will be: Evensong, at 4 o'clock. Confirmation at 5.

S. LUKE'S CHURCH,
GERMANTOWN, - PHILADELPHIA.

"Lord thou hast been our refuge:
From one generation to another,
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever the earth and the world were made:
Thou art God from everlasting, world without end."

Twentieth Century Commemoration.

In view of the fact that Tuesday, January 1st, is the beginning of a new century, an event which scarce anyone at present living will be on earth to witness a second time; and in consideration of the wonderful developments in the history of the human race which the past century has witnessed, and, most of all, the spread of the knowledge, the power and blessings of the religion of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST to the peoples of the earth—it seems fitting that the Church should make the occasion one of special testimony—celebrating the event by the observance of suitable acts of worship, praise and homage to Almighty GOD, "the Lord of all lords, Whose mercy endureth forever."

To this end there will be Divine Service in S. Luke's Church, which will begin at 11.30 o'clock P. M., Monday, December 31st, 1900, and end by 1 o'clock A. M., January 1st, 1901. The Service will consist of a Solemn High Celebration of the Holy Communion and Te Deum, preceded by a brief Sermon.

In order to ensure for this occasion every safeguard of propriety, of solemnity and reverence, the following considerations should be noted:

First. In order to afford ample opportunity to members of the Congregation to occupy their own sittings, the latter will be reserved until 11.15 P. M., unless notice of intention not to be present at this service shall have been previously given.

Second. It will be understood that this service is not an Evening Communion; it is suggested that those making their communions who desire to follow the custom of the Church on occasions of this kind, will abstain from food from six o'clock P. M.

Third. Those who desire to make their communions on this occasion are asked to notify the Clergy beforehand, either personally or by card (to be issued later), which may be placed in the box at the door of the Church.

Fourth. It will not be necessary to more than mention that this Service may be turned to good account, if it is regarded as an act of solemn thanksgiving to Almighty God:

1. For His never failing Providence in all things.
2. For His gift of Redemption in our Lord JESUS CHRIST.
3. For the means of grace—His most holy Word, His ministry of reconciliation, His Holy Sacraments.
4. For the hope of glory.

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood," and to the Father and the Holy Ghost, "be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

The offering at this Service will be for the Parochial Employment Society.

S. LUKE'S CHURCH,
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT,
DECEMBER 16, 1900.

S. LUKE'S CHURCH

GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

1811–1901

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF S. LUKE'S CHURCH

COMMEMORATION

S. ANDREW'S DAY, NOVEMBER 30, 10.30 A. M.

THE ORDER

DEDICATION OF THE TRANSEPT CHAPEL OF S. MARY THE VIRGIN

COMMEMORATIVE OF THE LIFE AND SERVICE IN
S. LUKE'S CHURCH OF

JAMES M. AERTSEN

THE RT. REV. LEIGHTON COLEMAN, D. D.
BISHOP OF DELAWARE
OFFICIATING

HISTORICAL SERMON BY THE RECTOR

CHORAL CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(IT BEING DESIRABLE THAT IT BE KNOWN BEFOREHAND HOW MANY COMMUNIONS ARE TO BE PROVIDED FOR, THOSE WHO DESIRE TO MAKE THEIR COMMUNIONS ON THIS OCCASION ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE CLERGY OF THE PARISH)

LUNCH AT 1 O'CLOCK, TO WHICH THE GUESTS OF THE PARISH ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

THE CLERGY ARE REQUESTED TO BRING SURPLICES AND WHITE STOLES

S. Luke's Church

Germantown, Philadelphia

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S. LUKE'S RECTORY, July 12, 1902

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My Dear Friends and Brethren of S. Luke's:

In view of my being enabled, by the kindness of friends, to take at this season a somewhat longer vacation than usual—until the end of September—it may not be unsuitable for me in leaving you for a voyage to England, to express my appreciation of your many and uniform kindnesses, and of "your work and labor of love" in "the household of faith."

"The Lord watch between me and you, when we are absent one from another."

The services of S. Luke's will be maintained without change throughout the summer, under the efficient, and I am sure acceptable ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Higgins and the Rev. Mr. Officer, who will also attend to all other parochial needs. The address of the Rev. Mr. Higgins will be 6008 Germantown Avenue, and that of the Rev. Mr. Officer, S. Luke's Rectory.

Commending you all to "the kindness and love of God, our Saviour," I remain,

Affectionately, your Rector,

SAMUEL UPJOHN.

S. Luke's Church,

GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA.

To the Lot Holders in S. Luke's Churchyard:

Notice is herewith respectfully given to persons owning lots in S. Luke's Churchyard, that, with a view of equitably arranging for the expense of caring for the same, the Vestry of S. Luke's Church will, from April 1st, 1903, lay a charge of one dollar per grave space per year, with a maximum rate of ten dollars for the care of large lots, payable to the Accounting Warden not later than June 1st.

The above charge will be in lieu of all other fees hitherto paid.

By Order of the Vestry.

JOHN ALBURGER,
Accounting Warden,
No. 130 School Lane.

April, 1903

S. Luke's Church, Germantown

Parish Building Fund

Six months ago the Committee on Ways and Means sent out their first appeal to the Parishioners of S. Luke's for monthly subscriptions to a fund for the erection of a new Parish Building. More than 900 circulars were mailed, to which less than 150 replies have been received. Small and disappointing though this number is, they have raised in this short time nearly $2500. If all had responded and given in the same proportion, we would now have nearly $15,000, or almost one-half the estimated cost of the building. But the majority did not respond, and it is to them that we now send this second appeal.

Is not this most necessary work of the Parish of some interest to you? And are you not willing to join in this united effort to accomplish it? Surely every one in the Parish, however poor, can give something if he only will, and most of us can give a great deal more than we think we can, if we will only make an honest effort and practice a little self-denial. Some may only be able to give 10 cents a month, while others may easily afford $10, and we want the small contributions as well as the large. Success can only come through the co-operation of every member of the Parish, not of one or two members of a family only, but of each individual member of every family connected with this Church. We want YOU to help—will you not do what you can?

Please fill in on the enclosed card the amount you will give per month, sign, with your address, and post in the enclosed envelope. Upon its receipt envelopes for each month of 1907 will be mailed to you, in which kindly place your contributions and deposit in the box designated for the purpose in the Church Porch. If you find it more convenient to make one payment for the whole amount, instead of monthly, kindly note on the Pledge Card, when the amount will be payable.

We feel that you did not give our first appeal careful consideration, and believe that this one will meet with a generous response. Let us remember that this work is for the Glory of God, and give accordingly.

For the Committee on Ways and Means,

By FRANCIS H. BROWN
Secretary.

CLARENCE C. BRINTON
Treasurer.

December, 1906.

S. LUKE'S CHURCH

GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

FEBRUARY FIRST, 1907

To The Parishioners of S. Luke's Church:

At a special meeting of the Vestry of S. Luke's Church, held Wednesday, January the thirtieth, the following Resolution was adopted.

> **"Resolved! That it is the sentiment of this Vestry, that we should proceed at once to devise ways and means for the erection at the earliest practicable time, of a new Parish Building, and with this object in view, that the Rector and Wardens be requested to call a general meeting of the Parish to discuss this question."**

In accordance with this Resolution, the undersigned, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen herewith invite the Parishioners of S. Luke's Church to attend a meeting of all the members of the Congregation to be held in S. Luke's Church, on Friday Evening, February eighth, at eight o'clock. The damage to the Parish Building by the recent fire, it is considered, has made the project of a New Parish Building the Paramount Question of the time, to the Vestry and Congregation of S. Luke's.

It is with the purpose, therefore, of obtaining the sentiment of the people of the Parish, upon this subject, and to ascertain, as near as may be, the feasibility of such action as may be proposed, that this meeting is called.

Your interest and attendance is particularly asked for, the Vestry hoping by this means to secure a very general expression of opinion of the Parishioners upon this important matter, and as nearly unanimous a one as possible.

SAMUEL UPJOHN, Rector
REED A. WILLIAMS
SYDNEY L. WRIGHT
Wardens

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF

S. Luke's Church

GERMANTOWN, PHILA., NOV. 1ST, 1908

ON DECEMBER 1ST, 1908 WILL OCCUR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RECTORSHIP OF DR. UPJOHN AT S. LUKE'S CHURCH AND A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO OBTAIN A SUITABLE MEMORIAL IN COMMEMORATION OF THE OCCASION. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ASKED FOR FROM ALL PARISHIONERS AND MAY BE HANDED TO ANY MEMBER OF THE VESTRY. IT IS EARNESTLY HOPED THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE PARISH WILL TAKE AN INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND.

VESTRY:

JOHN ALBURGER
WM. F. POTTER
ALEX. W. WISTER
J. R. SHELLENBERGER
FRANK C. GILLINGHAM
JACOB J. SEEDS
SYDNEY L. WRIGHT
J. FREDERICK THOMAS
WM. D. KELLY
REED A. MORGAN
STEWARDSON BROWN
SPENCER P. HAZARD

CHRISTMAS, 1915

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY TESTIMONIAL

TO

Mr. Geo. Alex. A. West, F.R.C.O.

Friends of Mr. GEO. ALEX. A. WEST, and admirers of his work, will be interested to know that Mr. West at this Christmas completes twenty-five years' service as Organist and Choirmaster of S. Luke's Church.

In appreciation of the service rendered by him in the cause of a high standard of Ecclesiastical music, both instrumental and vocal, it is proposed on this occasion to present to Mr. West some suitable testimonial.

Will you give for this purpose One Dollar, or more? Subscriptions may be sent to me at the Rectory.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Luke's Rectory, Germantown
December 20, 1915

COME TO THE

ADVENT PREACHING

MISSION

DECEMBER 5 TO 12

1915

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S. Luke's Church

Germantown Avenue and Coulter Street

Rector: THE REVEREND SAMUEL UPJOHN, D. D.

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MISSIONER

THE REVEREND

P. GAVAN DUFFY, S. D. C.

ASSISTED BY

The Rev. W. A. Nichols, S. D. C., Minor

OF NEW YORK CITY

SERVICES

Sunday, December 5th - - 4.00 p. m.

Sunday, December 12th - - 8.00 p. m.

WEEK DAYS

MONDAY, DEC. 6TH TO SATURDAY, DEC. 12TH

INCLUSIVE

Holy Eucharist (with Address) - 9.30 a. m.

Preaching Service - - - 8.15 p. m.

(OVER)

SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTIONS

1st SUNDAY, DEC. 5th, 1915
4 P. M.—"The Character of God"

WEEK DAYS 8.15 P. M.

MONDAY—"FAITH—What is it?"

TUESDAY—"Faith's Exercise"
(1) "Why Pray?"

WEDNESDAY—"Faith's Exercise"
(2) "The How of it"

THURSDAY—"Faith's Environment"

FRIDAY—"Faith—It's Helps and Hindrances"

SATURDAY—"Faith—It's Relation to Poverty"

2nd SUNDAY, DEC. 12th
8 P. M.—"Faith—It's End (Life after Death)"

The Instruction each night is followed by a Sermon dealing with the sins that militate against Faith.

A Question Box will be at the door and all are invited to place questions in it for the Missioner to answer.

(OVER)

S. Luke's Church

Germantown, Philadelphia

Whitsun-Day, May 27, 1917

Celebrations of Holy Communion, 7, 8, 10.30 A.M. Mattins, 10 A.M.

Visitation of the Bishop of the Diocese
Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, D.D. 4 P.M.

Evensong, 3.25 P.M.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Sunday next, May 27th, is the feast of Whitsun-Day, the festival of the Holy Ghost. Whitsun-Day is one of the chief festivals in the Church Year. It commemorates the coming in Presence and Power of the Third Person of the ever adorable Trinity, to dwell in the Church and in the soul of the Christian. It is the Birthday of the Church, the Body of Christ, and brings to mind Him Who is bestowed upon each and every soul that has been baptized in the Name of the Blessed Trinity. The Church throughout the world prays on this great feast, for the double outpouring of the Holy Ghost, to illumine, guide, govern and sanctify the whole Body, and each soul, that the presence and power of the Lord Christ may be made manifest in us. Let us pray that this Gift may be outpoured upon us, and upon the Church in S. Luke's Parish.

The special offering on this day will be, at all the Celebrations, for Domestic and Foreign Missions. Let all give of their little or of their abundance, cheerfully. The Celebrations (*Whitsun-Day, like Christmas and Easter, being a day of obligation*) will be at 7, 8, 10.30.

The Holy Rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop of the Diocese at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

May the Spirit of Truth and Love lead us each with thankful hearts to make our Whitsun-Day Communion, and may He endow those who come this day to pledge their allegiance to their Lord with His manifold gifts.

Affectionately your Rector,

SAMUEL UPJOHN.

S. LUKE'S CHURCH

Germantown, Philadelphia.

On Sunday, March 17, 1918

at 10.30 A.M.

LIEUTENANT HARRY G. MILSON

A Member of the First Canadian Contingent

will speak in

this Church.

Members of this Contingent were

in the Battle of Ypres

and Lieutenant Milson

is one of the few survivors.

You and your friends are cordially

invited to be present.

S. LUKE'S CHURCH
Germantown, Philadelphia.
Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, 1918.

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The Employment Society
and
Clothing Club
is a Utility of long standing in S. Luke's Parish, and effects much good during the Winter months.

An offering for this charity will be taken on

the Feast of the Epiphany,

Sunday, January sixth.

This notice is sent to the people of S. Luke's with a view of raising sufficient funds to carry on the work for the ensuing season.

May I beg of you to give liberally for the maintenance of this highly useful agency in this time of need? For this season $250.00 is needed.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again."

With best wishes and prayers for S. Luke's people in these troublous times, believe me

Affectionately your Rector,

Samuel Upjohn.

Mrs. George F. Knorr, Treasurer,
144 W. School Lane.

St. Luke's Church, Germantown

July 1st, 1919

Before the "Free Pew" System can be put into effect at St. Luke's Church, it has been found necessary to amend the Charter of the Church, and to have it approved by the Diocesan Convention, which meets in May of each year.

Through a technicality, this was not accomplished in time to have it acted upon by the Diocesan Convention of 1919, and the inauguration of the free pew system will therefore have to be postponed until after the meeting of the Diocesan Convention in May, 1920.

CLARENCE C. BRINTON,
Accounting Warden.

The Every Member Campaign

Diocese of Pennsylvania

S. Luke's Church

Germantown Philadelphia

My Dear Friends:-

On Sunday afternoon, March 30th, sometime between the hours of two and six o'clock, two members of the Parish will call to confer with you on subjects of interest to our Parish, and to the Church at large, in connection with the "Every Member Canvass."

The visitors who have given their co-operation in this work, I heartily commend, and bespeak for them your cordial welcome.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the pledge card used in this Canvass, a duplicate of which, the visitors on the above date (March 30th) will ask you to fill out, according as you may judge to be most desirable.

It is for facilitating the success of this appeal from the Bishop, in behalf of the Church's welfare that I am asking you to determine in what way you may be able to co-operate in this plan of Prayer, Service and Giving, and in the Name of ''Him Who hath loved us, and given Himself for us.''

Faithfully Your Rector

SAMUEL UPJOHN

S. Luke's Rectory
Monday, March 24th, 1919.

S. Luke's Church

GERMANTOWN PHILADELPHIA

April 28th, 1919.

To the Holders of Pews and Sittings in
S. Luke's Church, Germantown:

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Vestry at a stated meeting held April 28th, 1919, and in order to comply with the law, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the holders of pews and sittings in S. Luke's Church, Germantown, will be held in the Parish House on Thursday, May 1st, at 8 P. M., to consider and to act upon such changes in the Charter of the Church as may be necessary on account of the adoption of the Free Pew System.

Spencer P. Hazard,
Secretary of the Vestry.

(If you have not already sent in your reply to the letter of April 23rd in regard to the Free Pew System will you be kind enough to do so *at once.* It is most necessary to have the information asked for as soon as possible.)

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

St. Luke's Parish House—Germantown Avenue and Coulter Street

invites you to

AN EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL EVENING

by Courtesy of THE PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

Monday Evening, November 14th, 1921—8 o'clock SHARP

MOTION PICTURES

"The Life of Thomas A. Edison"
"The Light of the Race"
"Jim Blank and the Magic Spark"

ILLUSTRATED TALK

"Around the Clock in the Electric Home"
by
Gertrude Harriet Shearer

ADMISSION—Fifteen Cents

S. Luke's Church

Germantown, Philadelphia

Summer Order of Services

JULY—AUGUST

1st Celebration of Holy Eucharist . . .	7.30 A.M.
Mattins	10.15 A.M.
2nd Celebration of Holy Eucharist (Choral) .	10.45 A.M.
Evensong	8.00 P.M.

Parents are urged to encourage their children to attend the 10.45 Eucharist

"Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy House,
and the place where Thine honour dwelleth."

St. Peter's Day
June 29th, 1923

SAMUEL UPJOHN,
Rector

THE RT. REV. THOMAS J. GARLAND, D. C. L.

BISHOP OF PENNSYLVANIA

WILL CONSECRATE THE PARISH MEMORIAL

TO

THE REV. SAMUEL UPJOHN, S. T. D.

RECTOR OF

S. LUKE'S CHURCH, GERMANTOWN, 1883-1923

ON

S. ANDREW'S DAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1925

AT 8 P. M.

THE REV. JAMES O. S. HUNTINGTON

FATHER SUPERIOR OF THE ORDER OF THE HOLY CROSS

WILL PREACH

"The Crucifixion"

A Sacred Cantata by J. Stainer

By the Combined Choirs of

St. John the Divine and **St. Barnabas**

West Philadelphia — Germantown

65 VOICES 65

at St. Luke's Church, Germantown

Coulter St. and Germantown Ave.

Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, Rector

Sunday Eve., March 29, 1925

8 o'clock

Samuel Sedgwick, *Tenor* Clarence Monroe, *Baritone*

Randolph Smith. Mus. Bac., *Organist and Director*

Silver Offering

Parish House Fund

Rev. J. DaCosta Harewood
Rector

Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas
Priest-in-charge

Saint Luke's Rectory,
Germantown, Philadelphia,
January 16, 1941.

To the Wardens and Vestrymen of
Saint Luke's Church, Germantown,

Brethren:

It is not possible for me to express what is in my mind and heart as I place into your hands my resignation as Rector of Saint Luke's Church, Germantown, to become effective on the confirmation by the Standing Committees and Bishops of the Church of my election as the Bishop of Chicago. Throughout the course of the past seventeen years and more, I have served as your Priest and Pastor. No one knows more clearly than I that there have been many mistakes, omissions and failures; also, no one knows more deeply than I that whatever of strength and ability God has given me I have endeavored sincerely and unreservedly to give to His Service amongst you.

As Rector of Saint Luke's, I have been ever mindful that "the lot hath fallen unto me in a fair ground, yea, I have a goodly heritage". My greatly-revered predecessor put his whole trust in me, and now, as I must place that trust into the hands of another, I appreciate more than ever before the immeasurable confidence Dr. Upjohn must have had in me. I have tried to keep faith with him.

It has been abundantly made manifest to me that Our Blessed Lord calls me to another field of service. I have no choice but to go. The Pectoral Cross — the gift of the people of Saint Luke's, and worn upon my breast — will be no empty symbol. It will be an ever-present assurance to me of the mercies and consolations of the Great High Priest whose call I willingly obey; and it will also be a sign that those who gave it will always have their very special place and share in my heart's love and devotion.

The Lord be with you, now and always.

Faithfully yours,
WALLACE E. CONKLING

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE VESTRY OF SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH, GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

January 16, 1941

WHEREAS, WALLACE EDMONDS CONKLING, Priest and Doctor, has been Rector of Saint Luke's Church, Germantown, for seventeen years, a period witnessing a substantial growth in the spiritual life of the Parish, the norm of Catholic worship firmly established, and lasting improvement made in the physical plant and property, including the renovation and beautification of the Church edifice; and

WHEREAS, Father Conkling resigned his cure on the sixteenth day of January, 1941, to be consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God, having been chosen by the Diocese of Chicago to be its spiritual leader; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Vestry of Saint Luke's Church, Germantown, that it extends to Father Conkling its sincere congratulations upon his election as Bishop of Chicago, whereby his great talents will be made available for Christ and His Church in a larger sphere of activity; and that it accepts Father Conkling's resignation with sorrow and regret at the severance of official relations with him; and be it further

RESOLVED, By the Vestry of Saint Luke's Church, Germantown, that it hereby records its love for Father Conkling, its appreciation of his untiring labors as Priest and Pastor, its tribute to his wise and inspiring leadership, its joy in association with him, and its faith in his ability successfully to carry on his future work; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be made a part of the official records of Saint Luke's Church, Germantown, and that a copy be engrossed for presentation to Father Conkling.

The Right Reverend Oliver J. Hart, S. T. D.

will Ordain to the Sacred Priesthood

The Reverend Harold Anthony Hopkins

on the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist

Thursday, the eighteenth of October

nineteen hundred and forty-five

at ten o'clock in the morning

St. Luke's Church, Germantown

Your prayers are asked *Your presence is requested*

Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH, GERMANTOWN

The Rectory,
April 9, 1946

My dear Friend,-

There is no deeper longing of the human heart than that of knowing that our own blessed dead are safe with our Blessed Lord, and that we shall see them again in that glad land beyond this, where partings shall be no more. This joyful certainty has always been the central theme of true Christianity. The New Testament is filled with the exultant gladness of men who had found by personal experience that sin and death had, once and for all time, been conquered by that young Warrior who died on the cross to win eternal life for everyone who would seek it at His hands. The crowning proof of all such ~~claims~~ was always found in the historic fact that Christ had risen from the dead and had appeared to literally hundreds of witnesses. Such was the glad Good News of the Christian Faith, and such it must ever be.

Easter Day - April 21st - is the Sunday on which we especially commemorate this victory of our Lord over the power of Hell. It is a day when every Christian is bound to be in Church in thanksgiving for so great a deliverance.

Our Services will be at 6, 7:30, 9:30 and 11 in the morning, and at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Expecting to see you in church on that day, and with every good wish for this season of glad rejoicing, I am

Affectionately your Rector,

S. TAGART STEELE, JR.

January 30, 1962

TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH:

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We, the members of the Committee of your Vestry for the Selection of a Rector, feel that you are entitled to a reply to the many communications we have received from you on behalf of Father Hill.

In the first place, we want to make one thing clear: no member of this Committee, or of the Vestry, is "against" Father Hill. Every one of us holds him in affection and esteem, and considers him to be a dedicated, able, hard-working, sincere, conscientious priest of great personal charm. We know that he has done his level best for our Church.

But we are charged with a very difficult assignment: to obtain the best man available to succeed Father Steele as our Rector. We believe that St. Luke's stands at the cross-roads. Under our next Rector our beloved old Church is going to go either up or down, depending largely on the type of leadership our Rector can supply.

Therefore, we asked ourselves: is Father Hill the best man available? We know he is good, but is he the best? It would be very easy to say: why look further? But then how would we know he is the best? The answer that we reached was that it was our duty to go out into the field and look around; to see if there wasn't someone who, at this critical time, was perhaps even better qualified. Otherwise, we would not be fulfilling our obligation to St. Luke's Church.

Since June of last year, we have spent many hours in the task of seeking a new Rector. Various Bishops and Deans of Seminaries were contacted for references to possible candidates. This resulted in our obtaining a list of twenty priests, eight of whom were interviewed by the Committee and, in some instances, by the whole Vestry. Among those interviewed was of course Father Hill.

The primary qualification we were looking for was successful experience as a Rector of a parish which had problems similar to ours. There is a vast difference between the responsibilities of a Curate and a Rector. Several people have cited Father Conkling as a young Curate who became successful as Rector of our Church. But conditions in our parish and in Germantown are vastly different now than they were then. St. Luke's was then a wealthy parish in a stable

community. The challenge now is immeasurably greater, and our new Rector will have to have the resources to meet it. He must be a devoted pastor and a strong leader who will bring St. Luke's more fully to the community as the community is today.

A few weeks ago a special meeting of the Vestry was held at which the Committee recommended the calling of the Rev. Gordon E. Gillett, presently Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peoria, Illinois, to be our next Rector. This recommendation was based on our sincere belief that, of all the men we had talked to, Father Gillett was the most qualified to lead St. Luke's forward in difficult times. Father Gillett was duly nominated and, in accordance with our by-laws, a special meeting of the Vestry will be held in the near future at which time a formal vote will be taken on the question of issuing a call to Father Gillett. The holding of this election has been approved by our Bishop as provided for by Cannon Law.

Every member of our Committee has been praying for divine assistance for a long time in this very serious matter, and we know that each of you has been doing the same. We have faith to believe that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit to the best man available for this difficult and vitally important post.

Whoever he may be, we intend to stand behind our next Rector to a man, and we sincerely hope you will do the same. This is Christ's Church and all of us must serve it to the best of our ability. God bless you!

Faithfully yours,
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